

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2404

April 29, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Gulf Coast Aquatic Health Laboratory project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Mississippi State University, Global Center for Aquatic Health and Food Security, located at 521 34th St, Gulfport, MS 39507. The funding would be used to establish the Laboratory which will provide diagnostic and research activities to improve the health of aquatic animals in the Gulf of Mexico (GoM), including the Mississippi Sound. This will protect our commercial & recreational fisheries and support the growth of aquaculture. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Steven M. Palazzo
Member of Congress

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